



# NEWS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

**TODD P. GRAVES**

---

Contact Don Ledford, Public Affairs • (816) 426-4220 • 400 East Ninth Street, Room 5510 • Kansas City, MO 64106

[www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow)

---

**DECEMBER 6, 2002**  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **NORTHLAND MAN CHARGED IN KC-NORTH BANK ROBBERY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Northland man was charged in federal court today with robbing the Bank of Weston in Kansas City-North.

**John D. Clutts**, 41, of Kansas City, Mo., is charged with robbing Bank of Weston, 6510 N.W. Prairie View Road, Kansas City, Mo., in a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Kansas City this afternoon.

**Clutts** allegedly stole \$16,527 from the bank on December 5, 2002, Graves said. According to an affidavit filed in support of the federal criminal complaint, **Clutts** approached a bank teller at approximately 10:15 a.m. that day and demanded she place money in a white plastic trash bag he placed on the counter. **Clutts** also demanded money from two other tellers, the complaint alleges, holding open the trash bag while they provided him with money from the drive-up teller drawers.

An off-duty Kansas City, Mo., police officer was working at a nearby credit union, Graves said, and observed **Clutts** enter and leave the bank. The off-duty officer watched **Clutts** run from the bank, and after learning from the teller that the bank had just been robbed, chased **Clutts** about half a block to the Players North parking lot, where he made the arrest. At the time of the arrest, Graves said, **Clutts** had a trash bag containing cash under his coat, and a BB gun/air pistol tucked into the waistline of his pants.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and is not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mike Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

\*\*\*\*\*

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at  
[www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow)